

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 24 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-18 and 24 are allowed. Claims 19-23 and 24 are rejected. Claims 19-23 and 25 are cancelled herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 19-23 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Serret-Avilia et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,785,815). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection of claims 19-23 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is rendered moot by cancellation herein of claim 19-23 and 25.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 19-23 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 1-18 and 24 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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